

Nebraska would still be paid lower than Kansas. Colorado pays their chairman \$47,000 and each member \$42,000. Nebraska would be lower than Colorado. Missouri pays their chairman \$53,900 and each member 50,000. Nebraska would continue to be below Missouri. Wisconsin pays their chairman \$47,500 and their members 44,000. Nebraska would still be below their board. Iowa pays their chair 50,000 and each member 37,000. So in total amount, Nebraska would continue to be below Iowa. What I'm saying through that, and I want those figures in the record, is that Nebraska would continue to be the lowest paid parole board in this region. Just to give you something by way of comparison in terms of salaries, the Director of the Department of Corrections makes \$61,000 which would be \$16,000 more than the chair based on what I am recommending. The deputy director makes \$51,000 which would be more. The Assistant Director for Juvenile Services makes 47,000 which would be more. The assistant director would get 43,000 or does get 43,000 which is more. The Superintendent of the State Penitentiary gets \$46,800 which is more and the Superintendent of the Lincoln Correctional Center and Diagnostic and Evaluation Center gets \$44,932 which is just about what the chairman would make. The reason I hope that you will support this amendment is that, as Senator Warner pointed out on General File, the parole board plays a very, very important role in the entire corrections system. They have awesome responsibilities in terms of hearing cases to determine whether or not a person is entitled to parole. They hear cases as to whether a person's parole should be revoked. Then in addition to these meetings that they carry on that comprise hearings, they have to deal with various elements of the criminal justice system, from local law enforcement agencies to the public and anybody else who has an interest in the parole system.

PRESIDENT: Senator Chambers, excuse me. (Gavel.) Could we please have it quiet so we can hear the speakers, thank you.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And if the votes are here I don't mind if they don't listen, because these issues are not really that interesting, but this one is very important. The total amount involved in this would be less than \$35,000 so it is not going to break the budget. And when I mentioned the salary of these other people in the Department of Corrections, you can see that their salaries are commensurate with the responsibilities they are deemed to assume. When it comes to the parole board they have never had any increase in salary that would raise their